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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

In response to the Restriction Requirement of June 23rd 2004, Applicants request that the following amendment be entered.

This response is being filed within a time period that extends four months past the time limit initially set by the Examiner, and accordingly Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a request for a four month extension of time in which to submit this Amendment. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for this extension to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2648 Reference No. 81CIP.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.